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SUBJECT: ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING

1. ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL MEET IN TRIPOLI MAY 16. DEPARTMENT HAS NO INDICATION THIS YEAR THAT EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO SEEK ENDORSEMENT OF STRONG ANTI-ISRAEL POSITIONS IN COMMUNIQUE. POSSIBILITY REMAINS, HOWEVER, THAT RADICAL ARAB STATES MAY SEEK REAFFIRMATION OF LAST YEAR'S LANGUAGE ON ZIONISM AS RACISM EQUATION AND SUSPENSION OF ISRAEL FROM THE UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. PROSPECTS FOR SUCH A DEVELOPMENT POSSIBLY INCREASED IF SOME OF MORE MODERATE STATES SUCH AS EGYPT DO NOT ATTEND MEETING.

2. GIVEN GENERALLY MODERATE HANDLING OF THE MIDDLE EAST ISSUES AT BOTH CAIRO AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT MEETING AND THE NEW DELHI NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING, DEPARTMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE POSTS SHOULD MAKE SPECIFIC REPRESENTATIONS ABOUT COMING CONFERENCE.
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3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE POST-CONFERENCE REPORTING BY ACTION ADDRESSEES ON ISSUES RAISED AND HOST GOVERNMENT VIEWS. AS GUIDE TO DISCUSSIONS, DEPARTMENT IS

INTERESTED IN DEVELOPMENTS ON MIDDLE EAST ISSUES, INCLUDING THE ZIONISM AS RACISM EQUATION, QUESTION OF EXCLUSION OF ISRAEL FROM THE UNGA OR OTHER UN BODIES, AND THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 7 SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL. (SINCE THESE ISSUES ARE ALL SENSITIVE, POSTS ARE REQUESTED NOT TO RAISE THEM SPECIFICALLY, BUT TO RAISE THE GENERAL QUESTION OF HOW OUTCOME OF MEETING MAY AFFECT THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM.) IN ADDITION, DEPARTMENT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS OF ARAB AID TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES, AS OUTLINED IN STATE 74209. DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN ANY SPECIAL ROLE WHICH ARAB MEMBERS OF OPEC PLAYED AT CONFERENCE AND ANY DEVELOPMENTS AT CONFERENCE CONCERNING SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES. PLEASE REPEAT REPORTING TO USUN.

4. FOR TRIPOLI. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE REPORTING ON CONFERENCE TO EXTENT POSSIBLE. DEPARTMENT IS INTERESTED IN DYNAMICS OF THE CONFERENCE: WHICH COUNTRIES PLAYED LEADING ROLES, HOW MEMBERS DIVIDED ON IMPORTANT ISSUES, AND DECISIONS TAKEN. EMBASSY EFFORTS SHOULD BE LOW KEY. DOCUMENTATION THAT IS READILY AVAILABLE WOULD BE WELCOME.

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